

IN SENATE .
OF
THE UNITED STATES,
JANUARY 15, 1818.

The Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of
Rees Hill, respectfully

REPORT:

That the said Rees Hill commanded a regiment of Pennsylvania militia, in the service of the United States, for six months of the year 1813.

He alleges in his petition, that during this tour of duty, he disbursed for the public service, from his private funds, 3,440 dollars; of which, including 300 dollars, at which he estimates his own expenses, he has been reimbursed 1,082 dollars, leaving a balance of 2,358 dollars due to the petitioner, with interest thereon, from the 15th June, 1813. It is of this balance the petitioner prays allowance, and his application to Congress is occasioned by the loss of the greater part of his papers during the said campaign.

Receipts are produced by the petitioner, for payments on public account, amounting to \$98 64. This sum, the proper accounting officer of the Treasury assures your committee can be paid, on the account being duly attested, without legislative interference.

For the balance claimed, viz: \$2,259 36, no satisfactory vouchers are produced to your committee. The petitioner alleges it was advanced by him "for many unavoidable expenses, incident in keeping together, and transporting from place to place," his regiment of militia; and evidence is adduced, that he frequently advanced money to his officers and men, for forage, clothing, &c. but on such general assertions, and indefinite testimony, your committee believe it would be inexpedient in itself, and might be very injurious as a precedent, to sanction the claim without further elucidation and proof.

With every disposition, therefore, to indemnify those who have devoted their time, and expended their money in the service of their country, during our late arduous contest, your committee feel themselves compelled, by the circumstances of this case, as above stated, to recommend to the Senate the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his papers.